



NAPLAN TESTS GIVE A THUMBS-UP TO ST COLUMBA

Parents will recall that earlier in the Year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sat for the National Assessment Programme - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests in Literacy and Numeracy. These tests are mandated by the Federal Government, which regards them as an important measure of these two foundational areas of learning. Test results for each student were sent home recently.

I am now pleased to report on the performance of St Columba students against the candidature of the entire State. Last year, I was able also to include figures for the nation, but due to a change in the administrative arrangements for the tests, these figures are no longer available to us.

I am pleased to say that, on any measure, St Columba students at all levels have done very well indeed. The most effective way to present this information is in the following simple tables.

Year 3

	Overall Literacy		Overall Numeracy	
	Mean	In top band	Mean	In top band
State	424.6	23%	406.0	18%
St Columba	427.3	30%	423.4	24%

Year 5

	Overall Literacy		Overall Numeracy	
	Mean	In top band	Mean	In top band
State	500.4	11%	502.8	16%
St Columba	520.3	15%	529.1	26%

Year 7

	Overall Literacy		Overall Numeracy	
	Mean	In top band	Mean	In top band
State	542.2	9%	550.7	14%
St Columba	572.9	19%	574.7	19%

Year 9

	Overall Literacy		Overall Numeracy	
	Mean	In top band	Mean	In top band
State	578.9	6%	598.5	12%
St Columba	624.3	9%	633.7	20%

The School can be very proud of the results earned by our students, although that is no reason to rest on our laurels. Literacy and Numeracy will always be essential building blocks for further learning, and parents can be assured that we shall maintain our vigilance in these areas.

